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HABANA, CUBA, November 14, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that yellow fever has increased considerably during the past week among soldiers and smallpox among civilians. Other infectious diseases exist here only to a very moderate extent at present, as will be seen by the weekly mortuary report which I forward you by this mail.

Mortuary report.—During the week ended November 12 there were 309 deaths in this city. Eighty-eight of them were caused by yellow fever, with approximately 220 new cases; 50 were caused by smallpox, with 330 new cases approximately; 7 were caused by enteric fever, 12 by so called pernicious fever, 2 by paludal fever, 7 by dysentery, 13 by enteritis, 1 by glanders, 1 by the grippe, 3 by pneumonia, and 23 by tuberculosis.

Eighty-six of the 88 deaths from yellow fever during the week were among Spanish soldiers in the military hospitals of the city, while the remaining 2 deaths from that disease were among civilians.

All of the 50 deaths from smallpox were among civilians.

I am informed that the Government has taken possession of and is occupying all of the large almacenes, or sugar and general store houses, around the harbor (except San José), for military hospitals and quarters for soldiers. It is not difficult to foresee what the sanitary condition of those places and their contents will soon be.

Credible information has been given me that there are over 10,000 sick and wounded Spanish soldiers in the city and its immediate

suburbs

The weather continues excessively warm for the season of the year, with the thermometer ranging from 84° to 87° F.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. M. BURGESS, Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

GIBRALTAR.

Quarantine notice.

GIBRALTAR, October 27, 1896.

With reference to the notice of the 15th ultimo, it has this day been decided by the board of health to remove the restrictions on arrivals from Port Said, in cases of vessels with clean bills of health and health on board.

By order.

JOHN C. KING, Secretary to the Board of Health.

HAITI.

Yellow fever at Port au Prince.

PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI, November 4, 1896.

SIR: I have to report that yellow fever has broken out, and that it is of quite a malignant character.

There have been many deaths in the city and on the vessels in the harbor during the past twelve or fifteen days, and fresh cases are occurring daily.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

John B. Terres.

Hon. Assistant Secretary of State.